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REMARKS

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1. At 5 p.m. on 13 October 1951, groups of soldiers totaling about 500 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets and were without baggage, were seen marching from the Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse, Frankfurt/Oder to the railroad passenger station. the troops were recruits. The soldiers were followed by truck loaded with baggage. (1)
2. On 17 October, the vehicle inspection unit left the Delius Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse, Potsdam, allegedly to return to Babelsberg. Trucks were in front of the southern gate of the Delius Kaserne. They were loaded with sheet steel, about 10 mm thick, allegedly for the cogwheels of the caterpillar tractors. The truck drivers were Soviet soldiers and German civilians. One of the German drivers said that the sheet steel came from the ironworks in Thale, Harz Mountains, and stated that the truck convoy hauled the same load daily. The remaining 38 German women employees at the Kriegsschule were discharged and replaced by Russian women on 15 October. Sixty German women working in the Soviet hotel in the restricted area of Babelsberg were discharged on 15 October, and 52 German women still working there were also to be given notice. (2)
3. Trucks hauled billeting equipment from the Perleberg (M 54/T 70) railroad station on 17 October. Fifteen T-34/85 tanks, and trucks were identified in the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse. German workmen were reconditioning the officers' billets at the airfield. One of these workers said that the number of officers billets there had increased to about 120 on 10 October. About 40 tanks were allegedly stationed at the airfield. The remaining German employees still working at the airfield were given notice to be effective 25 October. (3)
4. A train, which passed through the Wittenberge railroad station toward Stendal at 11:20 a.m. on 17 October, consisted of 5 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 15 flatcars with heavy AA guns and trucks. (4)

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## 5. Trucks

[redacted] picked up billeting equipment, ammunition boxes and fuel drums at the loading ramp of the Wildpark railroad station on 22 October. Some of the trucks left for the Delius Kaserne. Trucks, which hauled fuel drums on 23 October toward Nedlitz and Eiche.

## 6. At 7:45 p.m. on 20 October, 8 four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars, 6 armored track-laying vehicles, 50 to 60 motorcycles, and trucks

[redacted] towing 57-mm AT guns, were seen entering the Panzer Kaserne on Berliner Chaussee, Bad Freienwalde (N 52/U 28). Seventeen trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were seen entering the installation at [redacted] Vehicles, which entered the installation about 6 p.m. on 26 October, included 28 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] 24 four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars; 2 armored half-track vehicles; and 20 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] Vehicles entering the installation at about 11 p.m. on 27 October included 19 T-34 tanks, 6 four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars, 8 armored half-track vehicles and 4 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] Four trucks [redacted] towing 4 x 57-mm AT guns, moved into the Panzer Kaserne at 5 a.m. on 28 October. (6)

## 7. An undetermined number of troops with 3 armored reconnaissance cars, 2 artillery pieces, 3 motorcycles, 4 trucks

[redacted] and 3 trucks [redacted] were detained at the Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14) railroad station [redacted] (7)

## 8. A train, which arrived at the Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66) railroad station from the direction of Pasewalk at 3:30 p.m. on 26 October, consisted of 12 boxcars with troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including a major as the ranking officer; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 open-topped armored cars mounting machine guns on revolving tracks, 6 twin-axle armored reconnaissance cars, 2 AT guns of about 50-mm, 3 field kitchens, and 27 trucks. [redacted]

[redacted] The train proceeded toward Neustrelitz at 5 p.m. (8)

## 9. A train, which passed through the Neustrelitz railroad station toward Puerstenberg at 9:40 a.m. on 27 October, carried 20 T-34 and JS tanks including tanks [redacted]

Another train, which traveled in the same direction a short while later, consisted of converted boxcars and gondola cars carrying trucks, [redacted] (9)

## 10. A train, which was seen at the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) railroad station at 2:10 p.m. on 27 October, was loaded with 10 x 37-mm AA guns, 3 searchlights, and an undetermined number of trucks, [redacted]

[redacted] Another train observed there carried 10 T-34 tanks, [redacted] an undetermined number of sidecar motorcycles, twin-axle armored reconnaissance cars, 2 AT guns of about 40-mm, and 10 trucks [redacted] (10)

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11. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with 10 AT guns with prime movers, [redacted] and 10 trucks, [redacted] were unloaded from a train at the Neuholdensleben (M 53/Y 51) freight yard [redacted]. The unit departed toward Gardelegen. (11) A troop train, which departed from Neuholdensleben toward Magdeburg at 3 p.m. on 26 October consisted of an undetermined number of boxcars with troops and 10 flatcars with trucks, [redacted] (12)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) [redacted] recruits, who probably arrived from the U.S.S.R., were quartered in the Eichhorn Kaserne. [redacted]. It is believed that the recruits there were reassigned to the divisions in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (2) [redacted] a vehicle inspection detachment of the SOC moved into the northern section of the Dalius Kaserne on 19 September 1951.
- (3) [redacted] troops, probably components of the 58th Mecz Regt and the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div, were detrained in Perleberg on 16 October 1951. [redacted]. The tanks in the Artillerie Kaserne, mentioned in the present report, probably belong to the tank battalion of the 58th Mecz Regt.
- (4) The train probably carried a component of the unidentified AAA regiment of the XXVIII Mtz Rifle Corps from Zeitz. [redacted]. The train is believed to have come from Wustrow.
- (5) Compare with a similar report of the same day [redacted]
- (6) The information confirms that the troops at the Templin troop training grounds started departing by rail [redacted]. The units which, according to the present report, arrived in Bad Freienwalde [redacted] were primarily components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The observation of motorcycles indicates that the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div was among the units returning to the post.
- (7) Components of the 25th Tank Div.
- (8) The train probably carried components of the 32d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Tank Div.
- (9) [redacted] the first train is believed to have carried an element of the 1st Mecz Div. The second train carried headquarters engineer troops of the Second Gds Mecz Army.
- (10) The two trains carried components of the 25th Tank Div and were probably unloaded in Oranienburg. They continue the return movement of components of this division [redacted]. The first train mentioned in the present report probably carried elements of the 219th (?) AAA Regt.
- (11) An AT artillery unit of the 4th (?) AT Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps.
- (12) The train carried a component of the 10th Gds Tank Div. Only one previous train carrying components of this division was observed. It departed from Letzling Heath on 23 October 1951. [redacted]

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